GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Eating of Waste Food by Children
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that the children belonging to poor families are eating the waste/left over food of the Shatabdi/Rajdhani trains in different parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has made any study about the effect of such type of food on the health of the children, if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c): The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) through State Government/UT Administrations with the objective to create a safe and secure environment for overall development of children in need of care and protection,. ICPS provides for setting up Open Shelters for providing care and rehabilitation services to children in need of care and protection, including street children, in urban and semi-urban areas. The programes and activities at these Open Shelters inter-alia include age-appropriate education, access to vocational training, recreation, bridge education, linkages to the National Open School Programme (NOSP), health care, counselling etc. Further Ministry is also collobarating with Ministry of Railways to rescue and rehabilitate children in difficult circumstances who come in contact with Railways by setting up child help desks at platforms, so far they have been formed at 33 major stations.

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